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**VERIZON NO LONGER REQUIRED TO REPORT RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT, MAINE,
NEW JERSEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, DELAWARE, VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, WASHINGTON
D.C., AND WEST VIRGINIA PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT RESULTS UNDER BELL
ATLANTIC/GTE MERGER
CONDITIONS**

WC Docket No. 98-184

In the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*, the Commission adopted conditions (Merger Conditions), including a Carrier-to-Carrier Performance Plan (Performance Plan), to facilitate oversight of Verizon's market-opening progress.¹ The Performance Plan requires Verizon to report, on a monthly basis, the results of 17 performance measurements for each of its states, and to make payments to the United States Treasury if Verizon's performance falls below certain specified standards. The performance measurements depict Verizon's service to competitive LECs in the areas of operations support systems, provisioning, maintenance, interconnection, local number portability, collocation, and billing timeliness. Pursuant to the Merger Conditions, the Performance Plan is effective in each state until the earlier of (i) 36 months after Verizon's obligation to make payments starts, (ii) the date on which Verizon receives section 271 authority in a state, or (iii) the effective date of a comprehensive performance plan adopted by a state commission?

The Commission has approved Verizon's applications to provide in-region, interLATA services in Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Delaware, and Virginia.² Accordingly,

¹ *Applications of GTE Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations and Application to Transfer Control of a Submarine Cable Landing License*, CC Docket No. 98-184, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 14032, Appendix D, Attachment A (2000) (*Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order*).

² *Id.* at Appendix D, p. 17

³ See *Application by Verizon Maryland Inc., Verizon Washington, D.C. Inc., Verizon West Virginia Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia*, WC Docket No. 02-384, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 03-57 (rel. March 19, 2003); *Application by Verizon Virginia Inc., Verizon Long Distance Virginia, Inc., Verizon Enterprise Solutions Virginia Inc., Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon*

Verizon's obligation to report performance measurements for these states has been extinguished. Verizon's final submission of its performance measurement data pursuant to the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order* for Rhode Island was February 2002 data; for Vermont, April **2002** data; for Maine, June 2002 data; for New Jersey, June 2002 data; for New Hampshire/Delaware, September **2002** data; for Virginia, October 2002 data; and for Maryland/Washington, DC/West Virginia, March **2003** data.

For further information, please contact Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) **418-0809**.

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Select Services of Virginia Inc.. and Verizon Select Services of Virginia Inc.. for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Virginia, WC Docket No. 02-214, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 21880 (2002); Application by Verizon New England Inc., Verizon Delaware Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks Inc.. and Verizon Select Services Inc.. for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in New Hampshire and Delaware, CC Docket No. 02-157, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 18660 (2002); Application by Verizon New Jersey Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in New Jersey, WC Docket No. 02-67, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 12275 (2002); Application by Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Maine, CC Docket No. 02-6, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 11659 (2002); Application by Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Network Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Vermont, CC Docket No. 02-7, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 9018 (2002); Application by Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Rhode Island, CC Docket No. 01-324, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 3300 (2002). Previous notices have addressed the elimination of performance measurement reporting upon Verizon's receipt of section 271 authority in other states. See, e.g., Verizon No Longer Required to Report Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania Performance Measurements Results Under Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Conditions, CC Docket No. 98-184, Public Notice, 17 FCC Rcd 4 (2001).